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WWII Veteran Celebrates his Centennial Birthday in Washington, D.C.

St. Louis, MO- World War II veteran and patient at the **St. Louis VA Medical Center**, Mr. James A. Rogers will be turning 100 on June 18, 2009. He is one of the oldest veterans receiving care through the **St. Louis VA Medical Center**.

Mr. Rogers served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945. His duties included delivering supplies and equipment to the U.S. Army Corp. He later worked at the Jefferson Barracks facilities in the 1950's and 1960's as a cook. In light of this celebration, Mr. Rogers has been selected to board on the Inaugural Honor Flight of the Greater St. Louis along with 20/30 veterans who were also chosen to participate in this trip. The Honor Flight transports American veterans, to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor their services and sacrifices.

Mr. Rogers will leave for Washington, D.C. on June 24, accompanied by his son, Charles Rogers, who is employed at the **St. Louis VA Medical Center**. Mr. Rogers and his son will be visiting the World War II, Vietnam, and Hiroshima memorials, including a visit to the Kennedy Center. Not only will he be celebrating his birthday in D.C., but will also be celebrating with his VAMC friends, family, and staff on June 19 at the **St. Louis VA Medical Center**.

With the generosity of the Honor Flight Network, veterans are given the opportunity to visit their historic memorials in Washington, D.C. 100% of the Honor Flight Network's expenses go towards safely transporting the veterans and other costs such as, lodging, buses, meals etc. Guardians are also welcomed to accompany the veterans at their own cost. Top priority is given to America's most senior heroes, which are survivors of World War II and any veteran with a terminal illness who wishes to visit their memorial. The program will transition to Korean War, Vietnam War and all other veterans who served.

Mr. Rogers and other U.S. veterans are among thousands who have had the opportunity to visit their memorials and remember their sacrifices made for this country, thanks to the Honor Flight Network.

What: 100th Birthday Celebration of Mr. Rogers

When: Friday, June 19, 2009 at 11:30 A.M.

Where: St. Louis VAMC

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If you are interested in confirming for the event, please contact Marcena Gunter at 314-289-6393

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